

**Senate File 2245 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the funding of the office of long-term care  
2 ombudsman.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. OFFICE OF LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN — FUNDING  
 2 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS. The office of long-term care  
 3 ombudsman, in coordination with the department on aging and  
 4 the department of inspections and appeals, shall explore  
 5 options, including but not limited to increasing licensing  
 6 fees for health care facilities, utilizing moneys deposited  
 7 in the Medicaid fraud fund pursuant to section 249A.50, or  
 8 utilizing civil penalty moneys deposited in the fund pursuant  
 9 to section 249A.57, to provide an ongoing source of revenue to  
 10 support the office of long-term care ombudsman including local  
 11 long-term care ombudsmen and certified volunteer long-term  
 12 care ombudsmen. The office and the departments shall also  
 13 review current expenditures of federal, state, and other  
 14 funding sources available to the office and the departments to  
 15 determine if such funds could be more efficiently utilized to  
 16 provide additional support to the office. The office shall  
 17 submit a report to the governor and the general assembly by  
 18 December 15, 2018, including the results of the review by the  
 19 office and departments of licensing fees, the moneys in the  
 20 funds created pursuant to sections 249A.50 and 249A.57, current  
 21 expenditures of federal, state, and other funding sources  
 22 available to the office and the departments, and providing any  
 23 recommendations for ongoing sources of revenue to support the  
 24 work of the office of long-term care ombudsman in the future.

25                                   EXPLANATION

26                   The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
 27                   the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28     This bill relates to ongoing funding for the office of  
 29 long-term care ombudsman (OLTCO). The bill directs the  
 30 OLTCO, in cooperation with the department on aging (IDA) and  
 31 department of inspections and appeals (DIA), to explore options  
 32 including but not limited to increasing licensing fees for  
 33 health care facilities, utilizing moneys deposited in the  
 34 Medicaid fraud fund, and utilizing civil penalty moneys to  
 35 provide an ongoing source of revenue to support the OLTCO.

1 The OLTCO, IDA, and DIA are required to also review current  
2 expenditures of federal, state, and other funding sources  
3 available to the OLTCO, IDA, and DIA to determine if such funds  
4 could be more efficiently utilized to provide funding support  
5 for the office. The OLTCO is directed to submit a report to  
6 the governor and the general assembly by December 15, 2018,  
7 including the results of the review of licensing fees, civil  
8 penalty moneys, moneys in the Medicaid fraud fund, and current  
9 expenditures of federal, state, and other funding sources, and  
10 providing recommendations for ongoing sources of revenue to  
11 support the work of the OLTCO in the future.